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الافلاتوكسين في أفريقيا



2nd PACA Partnership Platform Meeting

*Theme: "Tracking commitments, sustaining
implementation for results and impact"*

Partnership Platform Meeting

11-13 October 2016
Imperial Resort Beach Hotel
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Pilot Phase

Introduction

Aflatoxins are a major developmental challenge in Africa, adversely affecting household food and nutrition security, trade and income, and public health. Aflatoxins are poisonous chemicals naturally produced by fungi that contaminate many staple crops widely grown across Africa. Contamination of food crops by this deadly toxin begins from the field and is primarily aggravated by adverse climatic conditions and inadequate agricultural practices, and continues during postharvest with improper storage and handling.

The Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa is on a mission to coordinate and catalyze effective aflatoxin control along agricultural value chains in Africa. Based on the ten year PACA Strategy (2013-2022), the PACA Secretariat is guided by a Mid-Term Strategic Direction (2014-2017) that includes actions to bring about tangible results in the control of aflatoxin on the continent.

At the First PACA Partnership Platform Meeting (PPM) in 2014, stakeholders reached a consensus that the PACA Secretariat's Strategic Direction would inform the actions to be implemented by the Secretariat in the six PACA Pilot Countries while supporting other countries which are not yet involved in the pilot projects. Additionally, at the continental level, the 1st PPM identified concrete areas for various stakeholders to implement for impact and results in aflatoxin mitigation which were informed by discussions centered on the "state of knowledge, technologies, and best practices."

Building on these outcomes, the 2nd PPM will analyze implementation progress at continental, regional and national level for scaling up. The 2nd PPM will explore the progress of implementing action areas at the continental, regional and national levels, thereby assessing the achievements, success factors, bottlenecks and challenges of implementation. Furthermore, this PPM will consider means of sustaining implementation of activities and results beyond the piloting phase of PACA support in the six Pilot Countries. Subsequently, new thinking and actions will be drawn by learning from the challenges; and scaling up the successes. Additionally, agents of change and champions who have driven successful aflatoxin mitigation efforts on the continent will be celebrated.

Concretely, the 2nd PACA PPM will explore critical issues that may affect sustainability and implementation for results and impact as well as agree on frameworks for monitoring and evaluation.

The theme of the 2nd PPM is ***"Tracking commitments, sustaining implementation for results and impact."***



Full-Scale Implementation

Role of the PACA Partnership Platform

The PACA Partnership Platform Meeting (PPM) is the foundation of the PACA structure. The PPM is scheduled to be held every two years and provides an innovation platform with broad membership base of diverse partners who have a stake in aflatoxin control in Africa. The platform offers a forum for information sharing, a place to hold each other accountable and identify systemic challenges to aflatoxin prevention and control and co-creation of solutions.

2nd PPM to Convene on 11-13 October 2016

The 2nd PACA PPM is to be conducted on 11-13 October 2016. At the continental level, the 1st PPM identified concrete areas for various stakeholders to implement for impact and results in aflatoxin mitigation which were informed by discussions centered on the “state of knowledge, technologies, and best practices” within five thematic areas:

- *Practical Value Chain Management;*
- *Incentives, policies, regulations and markets to change behaviors;*
- *Nutrition and Health;*
- *Surveillance and Testing;*
- *Communications and Creating Awareness of Impacts and Solutions Advocating for Action.*

The 2nd PACA PPM will build on the discussions and outcomes of the 1st PPM by focusing the discussions from the thematic areas in focused discussions on:

- *Factors that Ensure Sustainability of Aflatoxin Mitigation Efforts;*
- *Implementation for results and impact;*
- *Measuring Results and Impact.*

Celebrating Champions and Agents of Change

The successful implementation of aflatoxin control efforts requires constant advocacy and support by agents of change, policy makers and champions who will voluntarily take extraordinary interest in the adoption, implementation, and success of aflatoxin mitigation. At the 2nd PPM, PACA will celebrate champions of change by recognizing the role that they have played on the continent in mitigating aflatoxins.

Meeting Objectives

The 2nd PACA PPM will bring together a range of stakeholders involved in aflatoxin mitigation to:

- 1) Track progress of implementing the specific actions identified at the 1st PPM
- 2) Revisit efforts of the last two years (November 2014-October 2016) of implementing PACA activities at continental, regional and national levels, in order to assess the attained successes and recorded challenges, for the development of a clear roadmap for the next two years of implementation
- 3) Endorse planned approaches for implementing PACA Phase II, 2016-2019
- 4) Celebrate the numerous programs and activities being implemented by partners in managing aflatoxin, particularly the active leadership of key agents of change and aflatoxin mitigation champions active on the continent
- 5) Strengthen instruments and mechanisms for accountability, M&E and reporting for all PACA stakeholders

Expected Outcomes

The meetings' expected outcomes are:

- 1) Peer review and peer learning promoted for improved accountability in implementing committed actions for aflatoxin mitigation
- 2) Interventions and approaches for scaling up the PACA model identified
- 3) Key challenges of implementation and way forward identified
- 4) Information exchanged on ongoing aflatoxin mitigation efforts as well as technologies and practices for implementation
- 5) Instruments and mechanisms for accountability, M&E and reporting for all PACA stakeholders strengthened
- 6) Stakeholder efforts and agents of change/ PACA champions celebrated therefore encouraging more individuals to take up their role in aflatoxin mitigation efforts

Structure of the Meeting

The meeting will include highly participatory sessions, including: Breakout Sessions and Buzz Groups; Roundtable Discussions; Market Place/ Exhibitions. The PPM will also feature keynote speeches by Commissioners and Ministers; short Presentations; a Press Briefing; and Documentaries of PACA Champions.

Meeting Participants

PACA invites all stakeholders involved in mitigating and managing the aflatoxin problem in Africa to join this Platform Meeting. This includes senior government officials from AU Member States, REC representatives, farmer organizations, consumer associations, large and small businesses, civil society, researchers, international organizations, development partners, the African Union, and others.

Location and Meeting Date

The 2nd PACA Partnership Platform Meeting will be held at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, in Entebbe, Uganda from 11-13 October 2016.

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